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SUBJECT: DR. CHARLES MALIK'S MISSION TO US FOR PRESIDENT
FRANGIE

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM DR. MALIK CONCERNING HIS VISIT TO THE US.
2. DR. MALIK CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAD REQUESTED
HIM TO CONTACT PRESIDENT NIXON AND DR. KISSINGER DURING
HIS TRIP TO THE US TO " DISCUSS FUNDAMENTAL MATTERS WHICH
CANNOT BE PUT ON PAPER." DR. MALIK INFORMED ME THAT
PRESIDENT FRANGIE WOULD CONTACT THE EMBASSY AND ADVISE
THAT " I REPRESENT HIM AND SPEAK IN HIS NAME IN THE
NAME OF LEBANON." MALIK SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
MEET WITH THE SECRETARY.
3. DR. MALIK STATED HE WOULD BE ATTENDING ACONFERENCE
AT THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS
AND IDEOLOGIES, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DURING THE
PERIOD JUNE 18 TO JULY 6. HE COULD BE CONTACTED
THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR, EDWARD ROZAK. HE WAS PREPARED TO
LEAVE THE CONFERENCE ANY TIME A MEETING COULD BE
ARRANGED WITH THE PRESIDENT OR DR. KISSINER. HE MIGHT
REMAIN IN THE US A WEEK OR TWO AFTER THE CONFERENCE IF
THE SITUATION IN LEBANON REMAINED CALM.

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4. DR. MALIK EXPLAINED THAT HIS MISSION WAS TOP SECRET AND REQUESTED THAT THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DENVER FBI OFFICE ACT AS LIAISON WITH HIM AND THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE HANDLED THROUGH HIM. HE NOTED THAT ONLY PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WERE AWARE OF THE MISSION.

5. I HAD NO CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH DR. MALIK AS HE LEFT BEFORE I RECEIVED THE MESSAGE. HOWEVER NOT RECEIVING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENCY I CALLED ON DR. SADAKA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CLARIFY MALIK' S MISSION. SADAKA CALLED PRESIDENT FRANGIE IN MY PRESENCE AND CONFIRMED THAT DR. MALIK WOULD BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND HAD AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE. DR. SADAKA DID NOT TELL ME WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS AND I DID NOT PRESS HIM. HE DID EMPHASIZE ITS IMPORTANCE. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAD GIVEN NO INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHOM MALIK SHOULD CONTACT AND HAD NOT MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT OR DR. KISSINGER.

6. I REALIZE THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT ALTHOUGH MALIK IS GOING TO PRESS, I AM SURE, FOR ONE WITH BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND DR. KISSINGER. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE ATTACHES TO WHATEVER MALIK IS GOING TO SAY I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE SEE THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO. SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT DISCUSS THE VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM.

7. MALIK, I AM ALMOST CERTAIN, WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE BUT WILL EXPECT WORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.
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